

## National Convention Car Awards

1. Purpose. The purpose of this section is to define the classes of vehicles and establish requirements for awards to owners of Model A Fords entered in vehicle judging competition at MAFCA National Conventions and MAFCA sanctioned Divisional and Regional Meets.
2. Vehicle Classifications: Four classes of Model A Ford vehicles are recognized for judging competition and awards:

- A. Restored – a vehicle which has been restored to original condition and configuration, representative of a Model A Ford as delivered from the factory.

Basic requirements: vehicle in the restored class must meet all of the 14 points as defined in the ***Model A Restoration Guidelines & Judging Standards***.

- B. Original – an unrestored vehicle whose configuration is generally representative of a Model A Ford as delivered from the factory with the original engine and drive train. At least 50% of the upholstery and 50% of the paint must be original.

Basic requirement: vehicles in the original class must meet the 14 points as defined in the ***Model A Restoration Guidelines & Judging Standards*** except the requirement for metal valve stems which is waived for preliminary judging.

- C. Touring – a vehicle regularly driven which has been restored to the original condition and configuration of a Model A Ford, but with limited changes or additions for comfort, convenience and safety. This may be an older restoration or a recent restoration designed for touring.

Basic requirement: vehicles in the touring class must meet the 14 points as defined in the ***Model A Restoration Guidelines & Judging Standards***, excluding the requirements dealing with:

- original style two-bladed fan (#2)
- original engine mounts (#3)
- original carburetor (#4)
- authentic lighting elements (#10)
- metal valve stems (#11)

Vehicles in the touring class may include any or all of the following modifications, and shall receive no more than 50% of the points allotted for the individual components:

1. Torque tube overdrive or four speed overdrive transmission
2. Rubber valve stems
3. Manifold heater
4. Float-a-motor engine mounts

5. Non-Model A fan which is water pump mounted
  6. 12-volt conversion and/or an alternator
  7. Halogen or sealed beam headlights behind Model A lenses
  8. Electronic ignition system
  9. Steering box with original style column
  10. Non-Model A updraft carburetor
  11. Convenience and safety items such as radios, oil pressure and water temperature gauges, backup lights, turn signals, seat belts, fuses, etc., all allowable without point deductions.
  12. Oil, fuel and/or air filters.
  13. Accessory horns or whistles.
- D. Modified – a vehicle which has received more extensive modifications than those permitted in the touring class. Although there is no limit on the number of modifications permitted in the modified class, only those modifications within the following areas are acceptable:
1. Modifications authorized in the touring class.
  2. Any Model A color(s). Fenders and splash aprons must be black. Speedster colors may vary due to era advertising requirements. No metallics.
  3. Engine block must be either Ford A or B.
  4. Modified head including finned, aluminum, overhead valve or cam.
  5. Intake manifold including updraft or downdraft for single or multiple carburetors.
  6. Carburetor(s).
  7. Exhaust manifold or header.
  8. Fuel line or pump.
  9. Water pump and fan. No electric fan.
  10. Engine lubrication system.
  11. Four speed overdrive transmission and era rear axle through 1939. No automatic transmission.
  12. Hydraulic or friction type shock absorbers. No tube type.
  13. Hydraulic brakes (through 1948).
  14. Era radiator. May be pressurized.
  15. Modified steering system.
  16. Front engine mount.
  17. Wheels and tires of the 1928-1935 era. May be wire or wood spoked, disc or “jumbo”.
  18. Upholstery must remain original style, appropriate for body style using era type material only.
  19. Oil, fuel and/or air filters.
  20. Model A body style. Cannot be chopped or channeled. Era type open wheeled speedsters are acceptable. Basic chassis shall remain Model A.
  21. All body parts shall be metal with no fiberglass components.

Basic requirements: vehicles in the modified class must have Ford A or B engine block. Only speed equipment applicable to the Model A era is acceptable. Replica cars will not be recognized in this class. A separate 400 point judging system will be used in the modified class. Model A tools will not be judged. Vehicles must pass the safety and start & idle inspection as part of the judging.

3. Display Only – a vehicle in any of the above classes and Model A’s of special interest may be shown as “Display only”. These vehicles must meet the basic requirements of their class. They will receive the ribbon for their particular class (Restored, Original, Touring or Modified) but are not judged in competition and are not eligible for trophies. These vehicles may be “One-of-a-kind” Model A’s, historically significant Model A’s, or older restored Model A’s the owner does not desire to have judged.
4. Awards

Ribbons: Blue (Restored Class), White (Original Class), Red (Touring Class) and Green (Modified Class) ribbons will be awarded to those vehicles which meet the class requirements.

Award Restored, Original, & Touring Class, Modified Class

<u>Classification</u>	<u>500 Point Requirement</u>	<u>400 Point Requirement</u>	<u>Award</u>
Best Of Show* (Restored Class Only)	Highest scoring vehicle of the meet	(not applicable)	Best-Of-Show
MAFCA Award of Excellence**	400 points or more	(not applicable)	1 <sup>st</sup> Place Trophy & MAFCA Award of Excellence
First Place	375-399 points	340-400 points	1 <sup>st</sup> Place Trophy
Second Place	350-374 points	289-339 points	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Trophy
Third Place	325-349 points	245-288 points	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Trophy
Participation	below 325 points	below 245-points	Participation Ribbon or plaque
Display only			None

\* One car only shall be awarded Best of Show. Tie scores will be decided by the Chief Judge. Original, Touring and Modified Class vehicles will not be eligible for Best-Of-Show.

\*\* The MAFCA Award of Excellence radiator plaque will be awarded at national meets only as follows: Restored; a **blue** background with the words “Restored Class”; Original, a **white** background; Touring, a **red** background with the words “Touring Class”. A Model A vehicle which has won a “Touring Class Award of Excellence” plaque may also be eligible to win a “Restored Award of Excellence” plaque when and if it meets the requirements for that class. Modified vehicles will not be eligible for the MAFCA Award of Excellence. A MAFCA special Award of Excellence radiator plaque will be awarded at sanctioned Divisional and Regional meets to all cars, excluding Modified Class, scoring 400 points or more.

5. General Requirements: In order to be eligible for awards, the vehicle must:
  - A. Be either judged or on display during the judging process, and displayed during vehicle exhibit, if conducted.
  - B. If a mandatory tour is conducted, all classes of vehicles must complete the event except “original” class which is exempt in accordance with the ***Model A Restoration Guidelines & Judging Standards***.
  - C. All entrants must comply with the Meet registration requirements.
  - D. All vehicles must meet the basic requirements for that class.
  - E. All vehicles must pass a safety check.
  - F. “Display only” vehicles must pass the safety check and meet the basic requirements of the class. If not “original”, these vehicles must also complete the mandatory tour.
  
6. Reproduction Parts: If the part, assembly or finish has the likeness and appearance as the Model A came off the assembly line, it shall be judged as original. If the part, assembly or finish does not appear as original, then it shall receive no more than 75% of the allotted points.
  
7. Trophies: All trophies and awards other than the MAFCA Award of Excellence radiator plaque are to be funded by the general meet funds.
  
8. Effective Date: This policy is effective for vehicle-judging competition conducted after Jan. 1, 2000.

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